

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are currently pending.

ELECTION

In the Office Action, the Examiner has divided the claimed subject matter into ten Groups and has requested Applicant to elect one Group for prosecution. The Examiner presented the Groups as:

- Group I: Embodiment of Figure 3;
- Group II: Embodiment of Figures 4A-4C;
- Group III: Embodiment of Figures 5 and 6;
- Group IV: Embodiment of Figures 7A-7D;
- Group V: Embodiment of Figures 8A-8B;
- Group VI: Embodiment of Figure 9;
- Group VII: Embodiment of Figure 10;
- Group VIII: Embodiment of Figure 11;
- Group IX: Embodiment of Figure 12;
- Group X: Embodiment of Figure 13.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requests, *inter alia*, restriction of Group I and Group II, the embodiments of Figure 3 and Figures 4A to 4C, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiments represented in Figures 4A-4C are an alternative view of the embodiment of Figure 3, as described in paragraph 0031 of the specification. Accordingly, the restriction of Group I and Group II is improper.

Applicant elects with traverse Groups I and Groups II directed to the embodiment of Figure 3 and Figures 4A to 4C. Applicants submit that pending claims 1-5, 14-17, and 30-32 are readable on each of Groups I and II. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement between at least Group I and Group II be withdrawn.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees with Applicant, Group I is elected. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's Attorney if questions arise concerning this Response.

CONCLUSION

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees and/or credit any overpayments associated with this paper including any required fee for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 to Baker Botts, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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